

14. A Pickering emulsion, said Pickering emulsion being a finely dispersed water-in-oil or oil-in-water system, said Pickering emulsion comprising:
- a) an oil phase comprising at least one wax and/or at least one oil thickener;
  - b) an aqueous phase;
  - c) microfine particles, said microfine particles being metal oxides:
    - i) having an average particle size of less than 200 nm;
    - ii) being dispersible both in water and in oil; and
    - iii) having both hydrophilic and lipophilic properties resulting in amphiphilic character; and
  - d) at most 0.5% by weight of one or more emulsifiers.
15. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, which is emulsifier-free.
16. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the content of the particles is between 0.1% by weight and 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparations.
17. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the particle diameter of the particles used is between 5 nm and 100 nm.
18. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the particles have been surface-treated to repel water, where the amphiphilic character of the particles is formed or retained.
19. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the total amount of one or more waxes and/or oil thickeners in the emulsion is chosen to be from the range of 0.5 to 20.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparations.

20. Pickering emulsion according to claim 19, wherein the total amount of one or more waxes and/or oil thickeners in the emulsion is between 1.0 and 5.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.
21. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the waxes and/or oil thickeners together with other oil components of the emulsion form a material which is paste and spreadable at room temperature and which has a viscosity of more than 5000 mPa•s at 20°C.
22. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the wax(es) is/are selected from the group consisting of the natural waxes, synthetic waxes and mixtures thereof.
23. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the oil thickener(s) is/are selected from the group consisting of metal soaps, layered silicates and mixtures thereof.
24. A method of providing skin care, said method comprising applying to skin an emulsion according to any one of claims 14-23.
25. A method of stabilizing a cosmetic or dermatological Pickering emulsion comprising of:
- a) an oil phase;
  - b) an aqueous phase;
  - c) microfine particles, said microfine particles being metal oxides:
    - i) having an average particle size of less than 200 nm;
    - ii) being dispersible both in water and in oil; and
    - iii) having both hydrophilic and lipophilic properties resulting in amphiphilic character; and
  - d) at most 0.5% by weight of one or more emulsifiers,